

RESOLUTION NO. 171 32

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE GOVERNOR OF IOWA AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS THE FAILINGS OF THE MASTER MATRIX

WHEREAS, the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors, has been presented with several applications for permits to construct concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) in Winneshiek County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, CAFOs in Iowa have proliferated at a rate and number likely unanticipated by the authors of the 2002 Matrix; and,

WHEREAS, the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors, has attempted to provide pertinent information regarding the siting of CAFO's in Winneshiek County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the information offered by the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors has often directed the IDNR to the hazards posed by the location of the proposed CAFOs due to the karst topography in Northeast Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, the current legislation and regulation applies the use of a Master Matrix that has failed to adequately differentiate between the geography, water sources and other critical considerations throughout different regions within the State; and,

WHEREAS, the failure to properly take into consideration information within the knowledge of local sources, has highlighted the failings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent; and,

WHEREAS, the inadequacies of the Master Matrix in its present form have been scientifically documented and legislative remedies are needed.

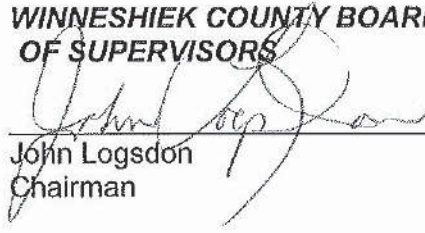
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WINNESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors do hereby petition the Governor of Iowa and the State Legislature to address the failings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, "quality of life" and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent.

2. The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors formally requests that the IDNR be directed to suspend any issuance of any additional CAFO construction permits until such time as corrective new legislation regarding the Master Matrix can be adopted.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2017.

**WINNESHIEK COUNTY BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS**



John Logsdon
Chairman

Attest:



Benjamin Steines
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January 30, 2017

The Honorable Terry Branstad
Governor of Iowa
1007 East Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Governor Branstad,

By unanimous resolution (17/32) the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors petition the Governor of Iowa and the State Legislature to address the failings of the Master Matrix to protect the air, water, health, quality of life and economic interests of the citizens we were elected to represent.

The Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors formally requests that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources be directed to suspend any issuance of any additional CAFO construction permits until such time as corrective new legislation regarding the Master Matrix can be adopted.

Sincerely,

John Logsdon, Chair
Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors

Cc:

The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor of Iowa
The Honorable Jack Whitver, President of the Iowa Senate
The Honorable Bill Dix, Majority Leader of the Iowa Senate
The Honorable Robert Hogg, Minority Leader of the Iowa Senate
The Honorable Linda Upmeyer, Speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives
The Honorable Chris Hagenow, Majority Leader of the Iowa House of Representatives
The Honorable Mark Smith, Minority Leader of the Iowa House of Representatives
The Honorable Michael Breitbach, District 28, Iowa Senate
The Honorable Waylon Brown, District 26, Iowa Senate
The Honorable Michael Bergan, District 55, Iowa House of Representatives
The Honorable Jane Bloomingdale, District 51, Iowa House of Representatives

(Attachment: Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors Resolution 17/32).

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